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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1ADATE OF CO [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 19 August 1949REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1APAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. /Airfield has been under construction near BERNOROWO (R 53/P 99) since 1945. Streetcar line No. 22 running to BERNOROWO, passed along the southern border. Air Force Col. BEKISCH was in charge of the construction work; the Pole SIGMUNTO WITSCH and the German construction engineer Hermann FOLZ were assigned to him. The airfield area had previously been waste land and partly drill grounds. Besides the P's, about five hundred civilian workers and a Polish labor detail of 1,200 men did construction work at the field. According to Polish workers, the field was to become the largest in Europe.

2. About two hundred regular soldiers and one hundred reserve soldiers underwent training in radio service. Training was done with 15 radio trucks. Antenna systems were not observed at the field.

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